

December 18th, 2000
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Bobby Austin
Gerelene Blevins
Bill Ramsey
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION-Mayor Pro-tem Joe Helton gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Hunter Abernethy, student at Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in the saying of the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA-Since there were no additions, David Stamey made the motion to approve the agenda. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5TH, 2000 MINUTES-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the regular minutes of the previous meeting. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

SECOND VOTE ON PROPOSED COMMERCIAL SEWER TAP FEE-Town Administrator Robert Frye related to Council this was the second of two required hearings needed to amend the Town's Sewer Ordinance to include a charge for commercial sewer tap on. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adopt the proposed charges. (See Attached)

SEWER AND WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT POLICY CHANGES-Administrator Frye informed Council this proposed policy change would provide staff with a definitive deadline to apply to all delinquent water and sewer accounts. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to adopt the Sewer and Water Disconnect/Reconnect Policy Changes. Bill Ramsey seconded.

After some discussion, on a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to establish a deadline of 12:00 noon on the 26th of the month. After that time a customer would be subject to wait until the next day to have service resumed.

CHANGE ORDER: LENOIR SEWER INTERCONNECT PROJECT-Mr. Frye explained to Council the change order was required to complete the Lower Cedar Valley Road portion of the Lenoir Sewer Interconnect Project and was not covered under the original contract. David Stamey made the motion to formally approve the change order on the Lenoir Sewer Interconnect Project. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

SEWER AND WATER ACCOUNT DEPOSIT POLICY-Mr. Frye informed Council that a water customer had asked why the sewer and water deposit was not refunded to the customer after a period of time. After discussing the issue, Bobby Austin made the motion to leave the Town's Sewer and Water Account Deposit Policy as is. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

PLAT APPROVAL-TERRELL ANNAS- Mr. Annas is proposing to split his property into five smaller parcels. He has submitted the required plats and they meet all town requirements. Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the plat with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

PLAT APPROVAL-JOE HELTON-Mr. Frye related to Council staff has reviewed the submitted plat and recommends approval of this non-conforming manufactured housing park. Councilman Joe Helton asked to be excused, as there was a conflict of interest. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to excuse Mr. Helton. Bobby Austin then made the motion to approve the Manufactured Housing Park Plat. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

UPDATE: MANUFACTURING HOUSING APPEARANCE STANDARDS-Administrator Frye informed Council the Planning Board reviewed a preliminary draft of the new proposed manufactured housing appearance standards. The Planning Board hopes to complete work on the new standards at their next meeting scheduled for January 9th, 2001.

UPDATE: INCREASED SHERIFF PATROLS IN TOWN-Mr. Frye related to Council the Sheriff's Department is unable to provide additional coverage to have a deputy patrol Sawmills due to a lack of sufficient staff. The sheriff hopes to remedy the situation during the budget process and the issue can be discussed at that time. Councilman David Stamey related he had talked with the Sheriff and the Sheriff did not

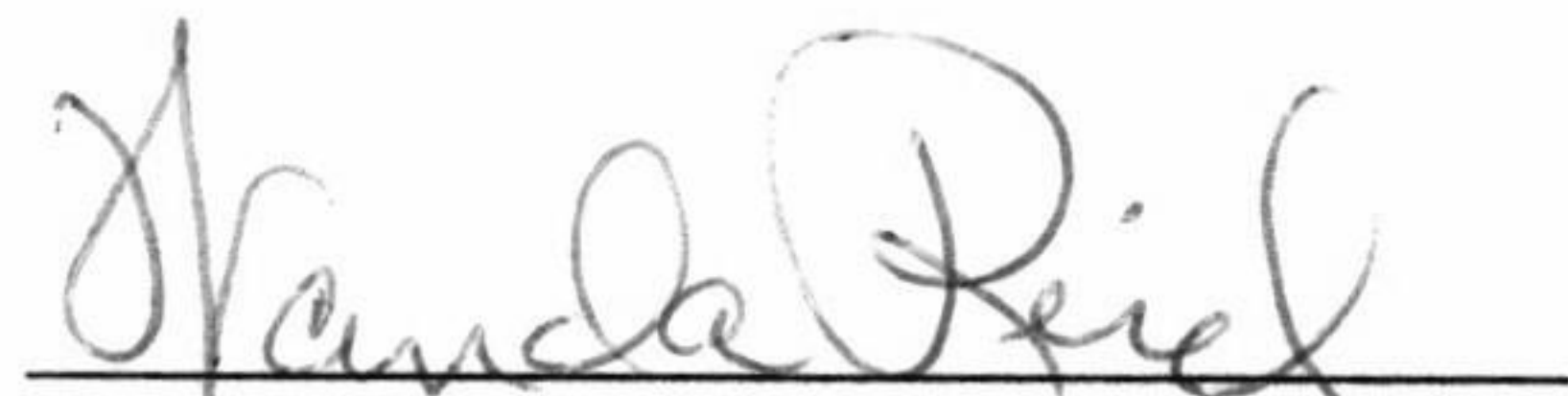
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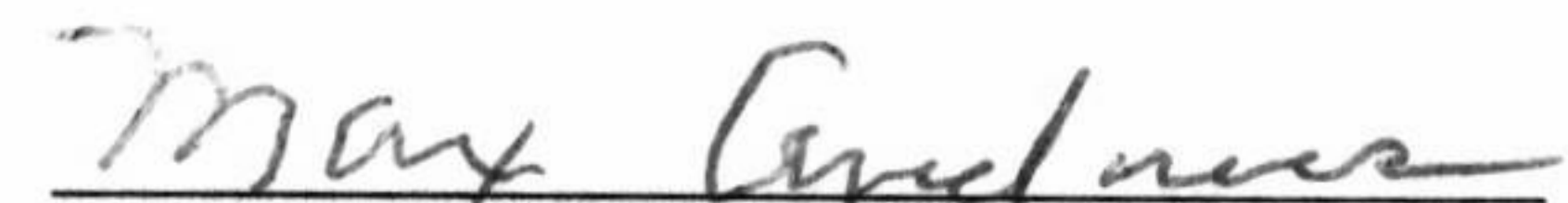
think it would be a problem if the Town wanted to pay the costs of a deputy on duty in Sawmills.

OTHER BUSINESS-Council woman Gerelene Blevins related that letters needed to be sent out concerning the junk cars and trash around some houses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Town Hall will be closed on Friday 22nd at noon and December 25th, and 26th to observe the Christmas Holiday.

ADJOURN-Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor